(e) No, Sir. No enquiry has been made by the Government since M/s HTL is no more a Public Sector Undertaking and is controlled by a private company since 16.10.2001.

Modalities on open source support systems and E-Governance

2461. SHRIMATI PREMA CARIAPPA: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that some MNCs have recently approached Government to discuss and set the modalities regarding the open source support system and e-governance;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) how such initiatives would be beneficial to people of the country?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (DR. SHAKEELAHMAD): (a) and (b) Centre for Development of Advanced Computing (C-DAC), a society under the Department of Information Technology, has set up an Open Source Software Resource Centre (OSSRC) at Mumbai, jointly with Indian Institute of Technology (IIT), Mumbai and in partnership with IBM. OSSRC's goals are to develop, adopt and disseminate solutions, education and content that use open standards.

(c) Such initiatives would be beneficial in promoting development of Software solutions based on Open Source and Open Standards that are affordable, accessible, inter-operable and free from vendor lock-in.

Cyber frauds

2462. SHRIMATI PREMA CARIAPPA: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) the number of cases of cyber fraud in the country that have come to the notice of Government during the last two years;

(b) the details thereof and the action taken by Government in the matter;